[*Translation*]

Letters from Members of Parliament

4213. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters from the Members of Parliament received by his Ministry from July, 1991 to October, 1991;

(b) the number, out of them, acknowledged and the number, out of them not acknowledged; and

(c) the reasons for not acknowledging the letters of the Members of Parliament so far?

THE MINISTER, OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). According to information available from the Departments of Women & Child Development and Youth Affairs & Sports and 16 Divisions/Units of the Department of Education, 430 letters were received. Out of them 403 were acknowledged and the remaining were under process for acknowledgement or final reply.

The information for Department of Culture and the remaining Divisions/Units of the Department of Education is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Zoological Gardens

4214. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of zoological gardens in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to close down some of them; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The number of Zoological Gardens/Parks in the country, State-wise is given in the Statement below.

(b) and (c). In the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (as amended in 1991) a provision has been made for constituting a Central Zoo Authority. Alongwith several other functions, the authority is required to specify the minimum standards for up-keep of animals in the Zoos. Such Zoos which do not fulfil these standards can be derecognised. No Zoo that has been derecognised can operate, 6 months after such derecognition.

The provisions of the Act in this regard have so far not been promulgated.

STATEMENT

Names of the States U/Ts	*Number of Zoos*
1	*2*
STATES	
1. ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	01
2. ANDHRA PRADESH	03

	Names of the States U/Ts	*Number of Zoos*
	1	*2*
3.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	03
4.	ASSAM	01
5.	BIHAR	05
6.	GOA	01
7.	GUJARAT	08
8.	HARYANA	05
9.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	04
10.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	02
11.	KARNATAKA	19
12.	KERALA	03
13.	MADHYA PRADESH	05
14.	MANIPUR	10
15.	MEGHALAYA	01
16.	MIZORAM	02
17.	NAGALAND	01
18.	ORISSA	02
19.	PUNJAB	05
20.	RAJASTHAN	06
21.	SIKKIM	01
22.	TAMIL NADU	08
23.	TRIPURA	01

	Names of the States U/Ts	Number of Zoos
	1	2
24.	UTTAR PRADESH	03
25.	WEST BENGAL	03
26.	UNION TERRITORIES	
27.	CHANDIGARH	–
28.	DADAR AND NAGAR HAVELI	01
29.	DAMAN & DIU	–
30.	DELHI	01
31.	LAKSHADWEEP	–
32.	PONDICHERRY	01
	TOTAL	107

[*Translation*]

Conversion of Muzaffarpur-Narkatiaganj Line

4215. SHRI MAHENDRA BAITHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the conversion of metre-gauge line between Muzaffarpur and Narkatiaganj into board-gauge; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):-(a) and (b). A proposal for the conversion of Muzaffarpur-Sagauli-Narkatiaganj-Bagaha-Chhitauni-Kaptanganj and parallel BG from Kaptanganj & Gorakhpur and conversion from Sagauli to Raxaul has been sent to the Planning Commission for their consideration. Further action will be taken on receipt of their approval and availability of resources in the coming years.

[*English*]

C.G.H.S. Facilities in Vikaspuri, Delhi

4216. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are separate CGHS facilities available for the residents of Vikaspuri, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and